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SUBJECT: UNGA FIRST COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ON COMPLIANCE: OMAN

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¶1. (SBU) On November 23, Pol-Econ Chief delivered reftel demarche to Mohammed al-Hassan, Political Affairs Director for Minister Responsible for Foreign Affairs Yusef bin Alawi, and urged Oman to vote in favor of the subject compliance resolution when it is taken up for final action by the 63rd UNGA plenary. Al-Hassan did not know why the Omani UN Mission had not voted on the resolution, but stated that he would look into the matter and pass our message to relevant officials for consideration.

¶2. (SBU) Comment: The Omani government will be closed from November 25-28 in observance of Oman's National Day and the local weekend. Moreover, Foreign Ministry officials are currently focused on the November 25 GCC ministerial meeting in Muscat (in preparation for the GCC Summit in December) and the upcoming Arab League Ministerial in Cairo. Post accordingly recommends that USUN engage directly with the Omani mission in New York to lobby for an affirmative vote on the resolution. End Comment.
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